

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An amniotic sac-rupturing device adapted to be secured on the hand of a physician for rupturing the amniotic sac of an expectant mother, comprising:

5        an elongate, flexible shank having a proximal end and a distal end thereof;

         a rearward facing sharp point mounted on the distal end of said shank, suitable for puncturing an amniotic sac;

         said shank having sufficient length such that said proximal end rests in the palm of the physician's hand while said point is positioned in a position on the face of a fingertip of  
10        the physician's same hand;

         a ring connected to said shank, said ring being positioned relative to said shank and adapted to secure said shank to a midsection of the physician's finger.

2. The amniotic sac-rupturing device of claim 1, wherein said point is formed at the tip of hook having a shielded cutting edge.

15        3. The amniotic sac-rupturing device of claim 2, wherein a leading edge of said hook is substantially flush with a surface of said distal end; and wherein said hook is positioned in a recess in said distal end.